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Sir:

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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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										Eng. Abstract
		WO 00/20292	04/13/00	PCT				X		
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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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